

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1090

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 299 in honor of our most valued colleague, Senator Tommy Kilby.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who have served Tennessee with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tommy Kilby is a well-rounded gentleman who has served astutely in the diverse worlds of business, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tommy Kilby has, for many years, been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic arenas of Morgan County, an emerging economic force in the rapidly growing East Tennessee region; he has served his fellow citizens in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, Tommy Kilby has served the good people of the 12th Senatorial District, which includes Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, and Scott counties, for the 103rd, 104th, and 105th General Assemblies as their Senator, always working with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for his constituents; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career in the Senate, Tommy Kilby has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, he has been a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he has made as Chairman of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and Vice Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who has earned the universal respect of his colleagues and all other people involved in the legislative process, Senator Kilby has eschewed the gridlock of partisan politics and worked alongside members of both parties to make Tennessee a better place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Oakdale High School, Tommy Kilby earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kilby has dedicated his career away from the General Assembly to the real estate profession; he has also served ably as Executive Director of the Morgan County Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, he nobly accepted the call to public service at the tender age of eighteen when he became the youngest person ever elected to the Morgan County Commission; he rendered sterling service in this position for two terms (1982-1990); and

WHEREAS, distinguishing himself in the realm of politics with his heartfelt and proficient service, Mr. Kilby was elected Morgan County Executive in 1994, and was reelected to an unprecedented second term in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Kilby has served Morgan County well, both as County Executive and State Senator, by acquiring over two million dollars in water grants for the county; he was also instrumental in acquiring a new prison for Morgan County, securing the Lancing Overpass, and obtaining funds for the expansion of State Route 62 to four lanes and the completion of the Roane State campus in Wartburg; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Tommy Kilby has been a valuable contributor to many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Senator Kilby has been honored numerous times for his exceptional leadership and acumen; he was selected as the *Morgan County News*' Best Elected Official for 2001-2002, received the Democratic and Republican Bipartisan Leadership Honor, and proudly accepted the East Tennessee Chapter of the

American Society of Public Administrators' Excellence in Public Administration Award in 1997; and

WHEREAS, this singular gentleman was honored as Legislator of the Year by the East Tennessee Development District in 2003, the State Opticians Association in 2004, the AARP in 2004, and the State Register of Deeds Association in 2005; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Senator Kilby is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Rachel, his daughter, Latisha Kilby, and his stepsons, Tyler and Noah Harris; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors in various arenas of public and private life, he has been a man of integrity who says what he means and stands by his convictions; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Kilby is truly a man of the people; he is as friendly to and respectful of his constituents and legislative staff as he is of his colleagues, and his commitment to the health and prosperity of his fellow citizens is truly exemplary; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a segment of State Route 299 to honor Tommy Kilby's exemplary career spent in service to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily agrees with this excellent proposal to honor our trusted and valued colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 299 from its intersection with Interstate 40 at Exit 340 to the Rockwood Municipal Airport is hereby designated the "Tommy Kilby Highway" in tribute to an excellent public servant and even finer human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 299 described in the first resolving clause as the "Tommy Kilby Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the

provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.